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Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claims 9 and 10 are allowed.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

The Figures and specification are objected to for minor informalities.

A substitute Fig. 1A and 1B is attached herewith. The input to unit 400₂ which was inadvertently left out, has been added. The change is supported by the specification, page 39, lines 3-7.

The Figure 7C information has been included in the specification. This information is based on the drawing Figure.

Fig. 22A and Fig. 22B, and the STS Path Terminating Unit have been correctly identified in the specification.

The claims have been amended to clarify the terms used. This clarification is made to consistently use terms. In addition in claim the squelch controller can also be termed the VT SQL controller.


The objected to items in the specification have been amended as suggested by the examiner or for clarification. A substitute Abstract is included in order to use consistent terms.

No new matter is entered.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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